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REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In Figure 4, the inner wall of the hollow sphere runs past the equatorial plane at a tangent to the surface of the ball (See marked-up copy of Fig.4, attached). In case of great flexure of the finger member it is possible for the ball to move out of the socket, and nevertheless be supported by the tangentially running bearing surface. Shaft designs with sliding sleeves, as provided in Masada cited in the parent application, are, therefore, unnecessary in the invention on account of the uncoupled components.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested. Any fees due to enter this amendment or to maintain pendency of this application may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0624.

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